Exhibit E

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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               FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
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                      NASHVILLE DIVISION
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        MICHAEL DAVID SILLS and
        MARY SILLS,
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           Plaintiffs,
                                           CASE NO.:
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                                         3:23-cv-00478
        Vs.
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        SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION,
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        a non-profit corporation;
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        et al.,
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           Defendants.
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                ORAL AND VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF
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                    CHRISTOPHER "BART" BARBER
17
                    6th day of December, 2024
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       Job No. 7047522
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because I was unable to find them.
                                                                     MR. PIETSCH: Can we take just a short
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        A. I -- I can't imagine. The only times
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                                                               break --
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    I'd ever deleted a tweet were if I misspelled
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                                                                     MS. RILEY: Certainly.
    something that I deleted it to put another tweet
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                                                                     MR. PIETSCH: -- before that because I
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                                                               assume this will be a section.
    up.
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        Q. So you didn't delete anything that was
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                                                                     MS. RILEY: Yes.
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    responsive to this lawsuit being filed.
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                                                                     VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at
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        A. No.
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                                                               11:30 a.m.
 9
            Okay. How many followers do you have on
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        Q.
                                                                     (Recess held.)
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    Twitter?
                                                                     VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the record
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        A.
            Right now?
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                                                               at 11:37 a.m.
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            Yes, sir.
        Q.
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                                                               BY MS. RILEY:
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            More than 25,000. I don't know how many
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                                                                  Q. Pastor Barber, I'm going to hand you a
14 I have.
                                                               document, and if you will tell me what that is
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       Q.
            What did you have back in 2022?
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                                                               after he marks it.
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       A.
            I have no idea.
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                                                                     (Deposition Exhibit 9 marked.)
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            Think. I mean guess. I'm not asking
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                                                                     MS. MADDUX: What's the Bates No,
    you for particular number, but did you have 5,000,
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                                                               Katherine?
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    50,000?
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                                                                     MS. RILEY: 176182 LYELL.
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        A. I don't think I've ever had 50,000. I
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                                                               BY MS. RILEY:
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    would guess that I had more than 5,000, and you
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                                                                  Q. Are you finished reading it?
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    said 2022?
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                                                                  A.
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       Q. Yes, sir.
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                                                                  Q. Yeah. I need you just to be able to
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       A. Okay. I -- so I'll just tell you. I
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                                                               tell me what it is.
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    started blogging in 2006, and looking to see how
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                                                                  A. Okay.
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    many people had read something that I wrote was bad
                                                                   Q.
                                                                       Just if you'll identify it for me.
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                                                                       Sure.
    for me. I liked to see that a lot of people read
                                                                   A.
    what I wrote, and I stopped looking at things like
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                                                                       And then I'll ask you questions.
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                                                                       Sure. So this appears to come from
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    that because --
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                                                               Twitter. It's a series of tweets from Tom Buck.
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       Q. Is it fair to say you --
                                                               The first one quotes a tweet from me on June 7th of
 6
       A. -- it would be prideful.
                                                            6
       Q. -- you had anything between 5 and 25,000
                                                               some year.
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                                                                   Q. Okay. And your quote says, I believe
    back in 2022?
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       A. Yeah. I would say that's probably
                                                               that God hears the cry of sex abuse victims; is
10 right.
                                                           10
                                                               that correct?
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                                                                   A. Yes.
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       Q. Okay.
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                                                                   Q. And you stated that.
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       A. I mean --
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          THE REPORTER: Slow down, everybody.
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                                                                   A.
                                                                       Yes.
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          THE WITNESS: I'm so sorry. I'm so
                                                           14
                                                                   Q. And above that, it appears that Tom Buck
                                                               says, It's also true that God hears the cries of
15 sorry.
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                                                               the falsely accused. I've stood by some who were
16
       A. I would guess that I had around 20,000
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17
    maybe.
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                                                               victims of false accusation.
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                                                                      Did I read that correctly?
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    BY MS. RILEY:
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       Q. I'm not trying to hold you. I'm just
                                                                   A. Yes.
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                                                                       And is that a fair representation of
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    trying to see if --
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                                                               what was said between you and Pastor Buck?
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       A. I --
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           -- you have a general idea of how many
                                                                   A.
                                                                       Yes.
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                                                                       Do you agree with Tom Buck's statement
    followers you had.
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          Okay. Now let's get into your tweets.
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                                                               that God also hears the cry of falsely accused?
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                                                                   A. Yes.
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       A. Okay.
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       Q. And have you ever considered that this
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                                                                 Q. Okay.
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    lawsuit is God's answer to David Sills' cries that
                                                                     MR. PIETSCH: No. She's asking about
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    he was falsely accused of sexual abuse?
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                                                              your prayers is what she's asking --
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           MR. PIETSCH: Object to the form.
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                                                                     MS. RILEY: No. I understand
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       A. You're asking me if I've ever thought
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                                                              what you're saying though so we'll --
    that --
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                                                                     THE REPORTER: You guys are talking too
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    BY MS. RILEY:
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                                                              fast.
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       O. Uh-huh.
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                                                              BY MS. RILEY:
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       A. -- about this lawsuit? No.
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                                                                 Q. I understand what you're saying, and I
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       O. Should you?
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                                                              will -- we'll come back to it.
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           MR. PIETSCH: Object to the form.
                                                                 A. Okav.
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       A. No.
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                                                                 Q. All right. The next document is
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    BY MS. RILEY:
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                                                             LYELL 00348617.
       Q. Okay. You ever prayed about that?
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                                                                     (Deposition Exhibit 10 marked.)
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           MR. PIETSCH: Object to the form.
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                                                                 A. Okav.
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       A. Have I --
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                                                              BY MS. RILEY:
           MR. PIETSCH: I'm not even sure -- I
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                                                                 Q. And I'll represent I put these together
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    don't know that I can instruct him not to answer,
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                                                             myself from what appears to be your thread.
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    but if you're asking him what he's prayed about, I
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                                                                 A. Uh-huh.
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    don't know that that's -- I'm not instructing him
                                                                 Q. And so they will all have Bates --
    not to answer, but I'd ask that we get to questions
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                                                              different Bates numbers, so I just -- while you're
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                                                              looking at it, I'm going to call out the Bates
    that are relevant.
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           You can answer if you want to.
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                                                              numbers, so you can ignore me.
24
       A. You're asking me if I prayed about
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                                                                 A. Very good.
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                                                                     All right. So the first page is the
    something that two questions ago I said I had not
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    thought about, and --
                                                             number I just called out that ends in 617. The
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    BY MS. RILEY:
                                                             next one is LYELL_00349031. The next one is
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       Q. No. I'm asking you have you ever prayed
                                                             LYELL 00349570. The next one is 00348748, and the
    about whether or not you were correct in your
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                                                             last one is LYELL 00348466.
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    accusations that Jennifer Lyell's allegations were
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                                                                    (Witness reviews document.)
    true?
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                                                                A. Okay.
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           MR. PIETSCH: Object to the form. That
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                                                             BY MS. RILEY:
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    wasn't the question that you asked him before.
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                                                                Q. Okay. Can you tell me what that
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           MS. RILEY: That's what I'm asking him
                                                             document is that I've just handed you?
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    now.
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                                                                A. It's a multipage document that presents
           MR. PIETSCH: I'm going to -- can I just
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                                                             a thread of tweets that I posted on Twitter along
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    repeat my -- or --
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                                                             with some people's replies.
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           MS. RILEY: You don't have to repeat it.
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                                                                Q. So you don't dispute that these were
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           MR. PIETSCH: -- incorporate by
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                                                             screenshotted or taken from your email thread -- I
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    reference my prior objection?
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                                                             mean your tweet thread?
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           MS. RILEY: Yes.
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                                                                A. I'll stipulate that I wrote all of this.
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           MR. PIETSCH: You can answer if you
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                                                                Q. Okay. All right. And on the first one
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    choose.
                                                             on the first page, it shows that an @JenLyell was
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       A. If you have specific wording for me that
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                                                             tagged?
    you would like for me to respond to, I'll be happy
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                                                                A. Yes. Yes, that I'm replying to -- I'm
    to take a look at it, but right now, you're asking
                                                             replying to a tweet that mentioned her.
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    me about statements that you're alleging that I
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                                                                Q. Okay.
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    made that I'm not -- that haven't been put into
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                                                                A. And that mentioned me.
    evidence at this point.
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                                                                Q. So that means that all of her followers
25 BY MS. RILEY:
                                                             saw your response; is that correct?
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